

**Easterling, Deborah**

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**From:** Easterling, Deborah  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 01, 2014 11:33 AM  
**To:**  
**Subject:** RE: SCE&G Rate Hikes

Dear Mrs. Patterson,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your email to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. I am forwarding your email to our Clerk's Office for processing. Your email will become a part of Docket No. 2014-187-E and will be posted on our website under this docket.

Please let me know if you should require any additional information.

Sincerely,

Deborah Easterling  
Administrative Coordinator

**From:** Purvis, Melissa  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 01, 2014 5:15 AM  
**To:** Boyd, Jocelyn; Easterling, Deborah  
**Subject:** Fwd: SCE&G Rate Hikes

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Lee Patterson <[redacted]>  
**Date:** September 30, 2014 at 8:17:51 PM EDT  
**To:** <Commissioner.Hall@psc.sc.gov>  
**Subject:** SCE&G Rate Hikes

Commissioner Hall,  
I sit here this evening, not even knowing of a SC Public Service Commission until today. I'm a relatively educated young woman with a masters degree who has a small interest in politics and volunteers often in this community. While I am interested in public service as well, I have a much larger interest in saving money. I've switched cell phone companies, cable companies, monitor the usage of lights in my home, we even just bought a short sale - to get the home we wanted for less. I clip coupons, my mom has lived with us for more than 75% of our marriage, and I return items to the store that I don't need, no matter how cheap they were. We are expecting our first child in December and 94% of my maternity clothes were given to me by friends. It's 80 degrees in my home, it has been all summer, can you imagine being pregnant in this heat?

I am writing to voice my disappointment with the SC Public Service Commission on approving yet another SCE&G rate increase. Last winter to save funds we bought a large room heater and spent the winter holed up in our bedroom. That way instead of paying to heat the house, we just paid to heat one room. My mom sat in her room, my husband and I stayed in ours. I'm bringing a newborn home this winter, that isn't going to be an option. She deserves better than that, and it seems no matter what her father and I try to do we can't get ahead. We've both gone back to school, we've both found better jobs, he drives an older model car... I've told you much of the rest.

Anyway, there is nothing that can be done now I guess, and even if there could be I know SCE&G has thrown enough money behind lobbyist and closed door deals that the voices of the public will be drowned out. I guess, I just wanted you to hear from someone whom this decision has affected - or the four people.

Thank you for your time,  
Lee

<http://www.wltx.com/story/money/2014/09/29/new-sceg-rate-increase-approved/16423153/>